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¶1. (SBU) We engaged Ittiporn Boonprachaeng, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director-General for the Department of International Organizations, February 20 regarding the Durban Review Conference Working Group Session, renewed U.S. participation, and issues of concern (reftel). Ittiporn stated that the RTG is fully aware of the sensitivity of the issues involved in the drafting of the outcome document. Ittiporn explained that the RTG supports the Durban process in principle, but believes that the process should be constructive, non political, and looking forward. In general, the RTG does not support singling out any one country. Ittiporn said that the RTG hopes that there will be a greater attempt undertaken than previously to use more balanced language in the outcome document.

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